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Lifelong Learning for All

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) of Elkhart County provides stimulating and affordable short courses in many fields for active seniors. Courses are held in fall and spring, along with a free lecture series in midwinter. There are no tests or grades, no previous studies or degrees required – just the joy of learning. Classes typically meet for one and a half hours, twice a week, for two weeks.

LLI instructors are former teachers, professionals and others with special expertise in the area of their course who volunteer their time. Courses are held at Goshen College, Greencroft Goshen Community Center and other community locations. Some courses may require extra fees for supplies, transportation or tickets to special events.

LLI course brochures are available at the Greencroft Goshen Community Center (1820 Greencroft Blvd.) and the Goshen College Welcome Center (1700 S. Main St., 574-535-7566) as well as at libraries, other housing developments, businesses and offices.

Register online! Visit LLI, including course information and secure registration and payment, at www.life-learn.org
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The Lifelong Learning Institute of Elkhart County is part of a worldwide grassroots movement. Seniors everywhere seek stimulation, continued growth and connections to others with similar interests. Our local LLI is co-sponsored by Goshen College and Greencroft Communities, and is a member of the Road Scholar Institute Network, developed by Elderhostel, an association of more than 400 LLIs across the country. Online at: www.roadscholar.org

Global Faiths

Marlin Jeschke
Mar. 6, 8, 13, 15; 10:00-11:30
Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft Goshen Community Center

The global Christian landscape has seen a broad variety of denominations, varieties, and movements. Most recognize each other within the Christian family, but some may be regarded as unorthodox or even heretical. We will consider a broad range of these: their history, their beliefs, and their practices—the types of topics that his popular *Goshen News* columns touch on. Jeschke taught at Goshen College for 33 years: on world religions, philosophy, theology, and religion in America.

The World in a Rectangle

John Blosser
Mar. 20, 22, 27, 29; 9:30-11:00 OR 2:00-3:30
Goshen College Cabin

In this experiential **drawing class**, we will learn basic skills and contexts, then use them to draw some of the beauty of early spring. We will be inspired by both historic and contemporary masters. The course is available to both beginning and experienced students. Participants should be able to walk with drawing materials to several work sites. Blosser has taught art at both Hesston and Goshen College; he continues to create and show his drawings both locally and nationally. **Please note: 1.) An extra fee of $15** is required for basic drawing materials. **2.) Two "sections" are offered** in order to accommodate more participants; please register for **EITHER the 9:30 OR the 2:00 session.**

How We Read the Bible Today

Don Blosser
Apr. 3, 5, 10, 12; 10:00-11:30
Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft Goshen Community Center

The Bible is accepted as the sacred text for most Christians. And indeed it is, but what makes it sacred? How can we read these sacred writings in a way that has integrity for us and our children in a world so vastly different from when they were written 2000 years ago? Does the Bible contain God's final Truth for the faith community? These and your own questions will guide our discussion. Blosser taught Bible at Goshen College for many years, and brings both pastoral experience and theological studies in Scotland to bear on these questions.

A Walk Back Through Goshen's History

Everett Thomas
Apr. 18, 20, 25, 27; 2:00-3:30
Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft Goshen Community Center

Thomas will coordinate this four session course beginning with a review of his nearly quarter century on the City Council. The following two sessions will scan an earlier time period with deep dives into certain events and crises in Goshen's history. The final session will feature Luke Gascho, director of Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Center, focusing on the indigenous peoples who lived in the Goshen area before the settlers arrived. Thomas currently serves as the Executive Director of the Greencroft Communities Foundation.

Birds. And Why They Matter

Melissa Kinsey
May 1, 3, 8, 15; 2:00-3:30
Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft Goshen Community Center

Do you listen for the songs of birds, and see their nests and joyful flights? We will learn ways to identify their visual markings, songs, habitats, nests, behaviors, migration patterns, and the impact of environmental changes upon them. Birds are found everywhere: in gardens, farms, city parks, and near skyscrapers. Birders listen for each faint call, and watch for the flick of a tail. Birds help keep our world in balance by dispersing seeds, pollinating plants, eating carcasses, and recycling nutrients. They lift our spirits, mark the seasons, and remind us of creation's incredible beauty. Join us for a celebration of Birds. Kinsey is an avid birder, a Certified Master Naturalist, has served the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and is a professor at Goshen College.

News in a Post-Fact Society

Duane Stoltzfus
May 22, 24, 31, June 2; 10:00-11:30
Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft Goshen Community Center

We will trace the evolutionary arc of news, from café conversations to social media. We think of news as a social sense, a deep and abiding need to connect to others and to what is going on in the world. That seemed simple enough when news trickled out at the top of the hour; now that news gushes without end from the Internet and mobile devices, we need a new frame of reference. We'll explore some of the high points (fact checking) and low points (fake news) in the world of news, and best practices for staying informed and well-balanced. Stoltzfus is Professor of Communication at Goshen College. **Note unusual schedule, to avoid the May 29 holiday.

LLI Membership

LLI is a member organization in which participants assist with curriculum planning and help to guide decisions on publicity and finance. There are eleven LLI board members. Sponsoring organizations Goshen College and Greencroft Communities each appoints two. Four are elected by the membership organization participants. Three from the community at-large are elected by the board.

Who is eligible for membership?
Courses are oriented to persons 55 and older, but anyone is welcome. You do not need to have attended college or to live at a retirement community. The membership year is July 1-June 30.

The benefits of membership:
For each academic year, a member's first course is free and additional courses are half price (if in HUD or on Medicaid, all courses are free). All LLI members are invited to the annual LLI Spring Membership Luncheon. Your LLI member card also entitles you to:

Goshen College
- Use of GC library
- Free admission to GC home athletic events
- Classes at GC for the standard audit fee (with professor approval)

Greencroft Goshen
- Free transportation from GG to LLI classes held at other locations (Call 574-537-4086 two weeks prior to the class date)
- Invitations to GG wait list events if you are not a resident

Fees
- Membership is $50 per year (July 1-June 30). The first course is free; additional courses are half price.
- For persons in HUD housing or on Medicaid, membership is $10, and all courses are free.
- Most courses for non-members are $40.
- For non-member HUD residents classes are $10.

Website Registration Option
Register online at www.life-learn.org

Contact Us
For further information, please contact Directors Wilbur and Fanni Birky by phone at 574-533-6352 or by e-mail at lifelonglearning@live.com

Registration Form
Lifelong Learning Institute Spring 2017

Register online at life-learn.org
Or bring/send this panel with payment to the Goshen College Welcome Center, 1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526.
Or call 574-535-7566 to register by phone with credit card.

Please use a separate registration form for each person.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
(For possible changes in time or location, etc.)
___ *Please create an account for me on the LLI website so that I can register online for later courses. Please e-mail me the username and temporary password for my account.*

2016 - 2017 Membership (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)
• Regular membership $50 = _____
Members' first course is free, additional courses are half price.
• HUD membership $10 = _____
For members in Medicaid and HUD housing all courses are free.
If becoming a member, adjust the course costs below.

2017 Spring Courses (Members, please enter "0" for your first course and half price for each additional course; HUD or Medicaid members, enter "0" for each course.) Courses are four sessions unless otherwise noted.

- Global Faiths $40 = _____
- The World in a Rectangle $40 = _____
  Choose one: ❑ 9:30 ❑ 2:00
  Fee for supplies $15 = _____
- How We Read the Bible Today $40 = _____
- Goshen's History $40 = _____
- Birds. And Why They Matter $40 = _____
- News in a Post-Fact Society $40 = _____

Total due, membership and courses $ _____

Payment Options (due with course registration)
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